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SUBJECT: TTPI LOSDEL LETTER TO AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

1. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM
SENATOR NICK BOSSY, CHAIRMAN OF TTPI LOS DEL, DATED
MAY 15, 1978, WHICH IS SUMMARIZED BELOW. FULL TEXT
BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.

BEGIN SUMMARY: FOLLOWING POINTS REQUIRE ACTION IN BOTH
SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERY AGENCY AND THE TRUSTEESHIP
COUNCIL MEETING IN NEW YORK.

A. MICRONESIA SHOULD HAVE CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS
ON A LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION.

B. RECENT ACTIONS BY THE FISHERIES NEGOTIATION TEAM
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WHICH SEEK TO DENY TTPI FREEDOM
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OF SPEECH IN PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES CONFERENCES.

IN SPFRA, TTPI SHOULD FUNCTION AS AN "OBSERVER"
DELEGATION, SO THAT TTPI CAN TAKE POSITIONS DIFFERENT
FROM THOSE OF THE US, PARTICULARLY ON TUNA, ALONG THE LINES
OF THE TTPI LOS DEL STATUS AT UNCLOS.

INSTEAD, US FISHERIES NEGOTIATORS BYPASSED TTPI LOSDEL
BY INVITING THE STATUS NEGOTIATING COMMISSIONS OF MARSHALLS
AND PALAU, AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, TO A STATUS
NEGOTIATING MEETING IN MOLOKAI IN OCTOBER OF 1977.

US NEGOTIATORS TOOK POSITION THAT THE PALAU AND
MARSHALLS STATUS NEGOTIATING GROUPS AND CONGRESS REPS
WERE BOUND BY USDEL DISCIPLINE, AND COULD NOT TAKE
POSITIONS INCONSISTENT WITH US POSITIONS, SAYING THAT THIS
CONDITION WAS IMPOSED BY THE SPONSORS OF THE CONFERENCE
AND NOT BY THE U.S.

US IS AT LIBERTY TO HAVE OTHER TTPI ADVISERS ON ITS
SUVA DEL, BUT THE LEGISLATIVE MANDATE OF THE TTPI LOSDEL
AS AN INDEPENDENT BODY SHOULD ALSO BE RESPECTED. THE
WILLINGNESS OF THE US FISHERIES NEGOTIATORS TO "RESORT
TO TACTICAL MANEUVERS OF A MOST QUESTIONABLE KIND"
INTRUDES ON THE MOST SENSITIVE AND DIVISIVE ISSUE IN
MICRONESIA -- THE FUTURE UNITY OR DISMEMBERMENT OF
MICRONESIA. THE TTPI LOS DEL, WHICH HAS PALAUAN AND
MARSHALLESE REPS, HAS BEEN SCRUPULOUS IN CONDUCTING ITS
DUTIES IN A "STATUS NEUTRAL" MANNER.

ATTACHED TO BOSSY'S LETTER IS A COPY OF A SENATE
JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SEVENTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA,
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FEBRUARY 1978 WHICH RESOLVED THAT IT WAS THE SENSE OF
THE CONGRESS THAT THE MICRONESIA LOSDEL SHOULD REPRESENT
MICRONESIA AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AT ANY REGIONAL
CONFERENCES ON MARINE RESOURCES SUCH AS THE SPRFA, ON THE
BASIS OF FULL AND FREE PROTECTION OF MICRONESIAN
INTERESTS. RICHARDSON

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